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**The New York Botanical Garden.**—The recently issued fourth *Bulletin of the New York Botanical Garden*<sup>1</sup> carries the first volume of that publication to page 294 and Plate VIII. In addition to administrative reports for the year 1898, the present number contains the following botanical contributions: Britton, "Description of a New Stonecrop [*Sedum Mexicanum*] from Mexico"; Rydberg, "The Cespitose Willows of Arctic America and the Rocky Mountains"; Small, "Undescribed Plants of the Southern United States"; and Nash, "New Grasses from the Southern United States."

**The Chelsea Botanical Garden.**—According to *Natural Science* for May this garden, which was founded about 1673 by the Apothecaries' Company, and has of late proved a greater burden to the society than they wished to carry, has been turned over to the trustees of the London Parochial Charities, who undertake to provide £800 annually for its maintenance. It is a matter for congratulation that this historic establishment has thus been saved.

**Corn Plants.**—In an attractively gotten up little volume<sup>2</sup> Mr. Sargent presents for young people some of the important facts concerning the cereals used for breadstuffs.

**Botanical Notes.**—Dr. Boerlage has begun the publication of a quarto catalogue of the phanerogams (with the exception of herbs) cultivated in the great garden at Buitenzorg, Java. The first fascicle, of 59 pages, contains the orders from Ranunculaceæ to Polygalaceæ, inclusive.

A revision of the genus *Listera* is published by Karl M. Wiegand in the *Bulletin of the Torrey Botanical Club* for April.

Nos. 4 and 5 of the current volume of the *Memoirs of the Boston Society of Natural History* are partly botanical and consist, respectively, of papers on "Localized Stages in Development in Plants and Animals," by R. T. Jackson, and "The Development, Structure, and Affinities of the Genus *Equisetum*," by E. C. Jeffrey.

<sup>1</sup> *Bulletin of the New York Botanical Garden*, vol. i, No. 4. Issued April 13, 1899. 8vo.

<sup>2</sup> Sargent, F. L. *Corn Plants, their Uses and Ways of Life*. Boston and New York, Houghton, Mifflin & Co. 32 f., ix + 106 pp.